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<b>UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL</b> <i>(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR § 1.53(b))</i>		<i>Attorney Docket No.</i>	0666.023000E/TGD/ALF
		<i>First Inventor or Application Identifier</i>	Hideaki Okada
		<i>Title</i>	Axle Driving Apparatus
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<b>APPLICATION ELEMENTS</b> <i>See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.</i>		<b>ADDRESS TO:</b> Assistant Commissioner for Patents Box Patent Application Washington, DC 20231	<b>PTO</b> 10:55 U.S. 09/474127 12/29/99
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103	18	203	9	Claims in excess of 20
102	78	202	39	Independent claims in excess of 3
104	260	204	130	Multiple dependent claim
108	78	209	39	**Reissue independent claims over original patent
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127	50	227	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
139	130	139	130	Non-English specification	
147	2,520	147	2,520	For filing a request for reexamination	
112	920*	112	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113	1,840*	113	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115	110	215	55	Extension for reply within first month	
116	380	216	190	Extension for reply within second month	
117	870	217	435	Extension for reply within third month	
118	1,360	218	680	Extension for reply within fourth month	
128	1,850	228	925	Extension for reply within fifth month	
119	300	219	150	Notice of Appeal	
120	300	220	150	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121	260	221	130	Request for oral hearing	
138	1,510	138	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140	110	240	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141	1,210	241	605	Petition to revive - unintentional	
142	1,210	242	605	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143	430	243	215	Design issue fee	
144	580	244	290	Plant issue fee	
122	130	122	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
123	50	123	50	Petitions related to provisional applications	
126	240	126	240	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
581	40	581	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
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*Box Patent Application*

Re: U.S. Non-Provisional Utility Patent Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)  
Appl. No. To be assigned; Filed: Herewith  
For: **Axle Driving Apparatus**  
Inventors: Okada *et al.*  
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Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. PTO Utility Patent Application Transmittal Form (PTO/SB/05);
2. U.S. Utility Patent Application entitled:

**Axle Driving Apparatus**

and naming as inventors:

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the application consisting of:

- a. A specification containing:
  - (i) 17 pages of description prior to the claims;
  - (ii) 3 pages of claims (6 claims);
  - (iii) a one (1) page abstract;
- b. 14 sheets of drawings: (Figures 1 to 16);
- c. A copy of the inventor signed Declaration and Power of Attorney, as filed in U.S. Appl. No. 07/304,581;

3. PTO Fee Transmittal Form PTO/SB/17;
4. A Preliminary Amendment;
5. Authorization to Treat a Reply As Incorporating An Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3);
6. Our check No. 26325 for \$690.00 to cover the filing fee; and
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